

What does this mean for me?

Report Relevance for All Nonprofit Stakeholders

How can Community Based Organizations use this report?

- First and foremost, the main theme of the report is an important lesson for everyone, but especially nonprofits: That **the greatest weaknesses and greatest strengths of your organization may not be as evident as you think**, and that **an outside set of eyes can help**. We hope that you feel encouraged by this point, and that you are inspired to work with those outside of your organization to build your capacity to meet the needs of those in poverty.
- Additionally, learning that faith-based social service agencies go through many of the same trials, tribulations, and triumphs of community-based organizations, and that they should be viewed as potential partners in fighting poverty.

How can Faith Based Organizations use this report?

- This report can be used to learn more about capacity building and how it can benefit you in meeting your mission as an organization. It may be especially helpful to see that the partnership between community-based and faith organizations can be one that helps to guide capacity building on a total community level.
- This report is a resource to you and be used to learn more about capacity building, its benefits, and how you can get started on addressing your organizational capacity building needs.
- This report can be used to begin informed discussions and partnerships surrounding addressing the highlighted capacity building needs expressed in your regions.

How can Philanthropic Organizations use this report?

- This report can help philanthropic organization with the allocation of their funding toward capacity building activities. The report indicates on a statewide and a regional basis the priority capacity building needs expressed by respondents.
- This report can also help philanthropic organizations in their working relationship with the faith based and community organization by making sure that there is a shared understanding of the actual capacity building needs of the organization versus perceived needs. This can be accomplished by conducting an organizational needs assessment prior to funding any capacity building activity requested.
- This report can be a catalyst for funders to build strategic partnerships on a regional basis with business, intermediary nonprofits, government, universities, other foundations, and training and technical assistance providers. The report shares the priority capacity building needs expressed by each of the five regions and this information can be used to create training series targeting faith based and community organizations.

How can this report be used by Training and Technical Assistant Providers?

- This report can be further used to plead to case for regional based assessment of training needs of the nonprofit sector. The state based on this survey on other prior studies that share the same ideology: that each region of the state has very unique needs as it relates to training.
- This report can also build trainings and partnerships that can provide regional trainings based on the priority capacity building needs highlighted in the report targeting faith based and community organizations.

How can Academic Faculty use this report?

- This report outlines a key element of modern nonprofit management learning: that nonprofits function in different ways, largely according to their size and mission—but that they have to think about capacity issues in creative and sometimes indirect ways to accomplish.
- The OFBCI VISTAs would also be open to the idea of recruiting your students to work with the agencies that we work with to develop partnerships in capacity building. We can travel, present the report, and lead discussions with students about how capacity building in the nonprofit sector is an important aspect of addressing the needs of those that are in poverty.

How can Students use this report?

- Consider interning/working with a nonprofit or faith-based social service agency, no matter what career path you are looking into. The needs of these agencies are diverse, and this report outlines particular skills-based volunteering that you could learn from. This is especially true of positions that may be outside of your faith background.

How can Governments use this report?

- As government allocate statewide as well as regional resources, having the priority areas expressed in this report will be a good basis in which to make and justify investing in capacity building.
- This report can also be used to join forces with other state agencies, foundations, nonprofits, faith based organizations, and other grassroots to design appropriate capacity building trainings to address the priority capacity building needs on a regional and statewide basis with labor as well as funding.
- This report can also be used to leverage more funding to the state in support of faith based and community organizations in the area of capacity building.

How can Business use this report?

- As businesses work toward social responsibility, this report can be used to engage your employees in volunteering their skills and helping decisions on how to fund capacity building activities locally. The regional section of the report can provide you perspective on the priority organizational capacity building activities that would be worthwhile to make your investments.